

Celebrate Our Bat/Bar Mitzvah

On the Friday night following the Fourth of July, 1977, our founders gathered to hold the first Sha'ar Zahav event, a shabbat service. The future of this unnamed organization was just a dream shared by a few futurist Jews. Here we are today, over 500 proud and strong, planning a grand celebration in honor of our 13th anniversary. This is a celebration for all of us. As individuals we are diverse, as a group we are one of the most vital Jewish organizations in the nation.

Several activities have already been planned. Be sure to mark your calendars and reserve these very important dates:

- **Weekend of June 8**—Our Education Committee is preparing a *Scholar in Residence* program for a weekend of Torah and study. The program will feature Rabbi Stacey Offner of Shir Tikvah Congregation in St. Paul, Minn. Rabbi Offner is a dynamic Jewish leader whose congregation is committed to innovation and lay empowerment.

- **Friday, June 29**—Our Ritual Committee is preparing a wonderful service in observance of this milestone in our history. As a congregation we will take this opportunity to recognize several individuals in the San Francisco community who have been important to Sha'ar Zahav and the gay and lesbian community as a whole. The service will be held in our "second home"—the Unitarian Center.

- **Saturday, June 30**—Party, party, party! In the tradition which began with our 10th anniversary, we will return to the Green Room in the War Memorial Building for a gala champagne and dessert party, featuring live music by "Hot Borscht." The (optional) black-tie event will begin at 8:30 pm with Havdallah, followed by dancing until midnight. Tickets (including dessert and two beverages) will be \$18 per person.

This is the first major fundraiser in three years and therefore Sha'ar Zahav needs your help. There are various ways for you to become an Anniversary Supporter. Below is a list of donor opportu-

nities. If you need additional information, please contact the committee co-chairs, Don Albert (641-5113) or Susan Gelmis (759-0252).

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Individuals and families who provide the above level of support will be listed on the invitation and the special anniversary edition of the *Jewish Gaily Forward*.

This special edition of the *Forward* will also feature a "Congratulations Sec-

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Seder Hospitality

Do you have an extra place at your seder table? If you are having a home seder and have a place for a synagogue member who does not have a first night seder to attend, please let us know. By the same token, if you are a CSZ member who would like to attend a first night home seder but do not have anywhere to go, please call the synagogue office by Wednesday, March 28. We will do our best to match seder-seekers with seder-organizers, based on geography and common interests. We will only be able to match as many people as we have invitations. Please call if you have room for Elijah plus one at your table.

Greenhouse Seder

Yes, now is the time to make plans to join us for the annual Congregational Seder. The seder will be held on the second night of Passover, Tuesday, April 10, at Lehr's Greenhouse Restaurant. (The chicken soup was really good last year!)

You will find a reservation sheet with this issue of the *Forward* which must be completed and returned to the office *no later than* Wednesday, March 28. This year all seats will be pre-assigned to specific, numbered tables. If you are requesting to sit with friends, indicate with whom and reserve early as assignments will be based on the date of receipt of reservations; that is, first come, first choice tables. All seat assignments will be allocated first to members, their guests, and then to non-members on a space-available basis. Non-member seating cannot be guaranteed until after March 28 to allow members and their guests priority.

Tables may be reserved for up to 10 or 12 persons, if ordered well in advance. Please indicate all names if possible. Payment must be in full with reservation.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up before the seder. Please call the office at 861-6932 or Shirley Liberman at 863-7500 Ext. 123. Also call to request any special needs.

Keep in mind that a number of last-minute reservations could not be accepted last year, so remember to reserve early.

Petitioning for 1990 Elections

The Elections Committee is nominating candidates for our 1990 congregational elections. The voting will take place at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 20. Open positions will be president, vice president, treasurer, recorder and four two-year terms on the Va'ad.

If you are a member in good standing, wish to run, and have not been contacted by the Elections Committee, you may add your name to the slate. Simply send a letter stating the position for which you wish to run. Your letter must be in the synagogue office no later than 5 pm on Thursday, April 5.

Yahrzeit

At Sha'ar Zahav, we are committed to the study and continuity of Jewish tradition as well as to innovation in our religious practice based on our own experiences and modern Jewish values. In this column, I'll explore how this dialectic standard applies to our observance of *yahrzeit*.

Yahrzeit is a Yiddish word meaning "year's time" specifically referring to the (annual) Jewish commemoration of a loved one's death. The word itself hints at the relatively late (by Jewish standards) beginning of the practice, probably instituted in the 11th or 12th century. While the particular customs of *yahrzeit* are post-Talmudic, they also incorporate earlier customs. Although *yahrzeit* observance began as an Ashkenazi practice, its observance spread, and is today observed by all Jews.

Yahrzeit is a personal, rather than communal, observance. Although the community may observe the *yahrzeit* of a leader, it is generally the individual family member who assumes responsibility for assuring that a loved one be remembered.

The traditional observance of *yahrzeit* begins with the lighting of a 24-hour *yahrzeit* candle on the eve of the anniversary (since the Jewish day begins at sundown). The lighting of the candle is symbolic of the verse from Proverbs "the human soul is the lamp of God" (20:27). In Orthodox practice, only males recite Kaddish in the synagogue. Often, the person observing the *yahrzeit* leads the service or receives an *aliyah* to the Torah. If the Torah is not read on the day when the *yahrzeit* falls, the person may have an *aliyah* on the preceding Shabbat. This appears to be the background for the modern custom of reading the names of all who have died during the coming week on Shabbat. It is customary to visit the grave of the deceased on the *yahrzeit*, to give *tzedakah* in the person's memory, and to study Torah. A pious custom which is rarely observed today is fasting on the *yahrzeit*.

Although originally only for parents (or, more likely, fathers), *yahrzeit* has long been observed for immediate relatives: parents, siblings, children, spouse. In addition to lighting the *yahrzeit* candle, Jews go to the synagogue to say Kaddish with a *minyan*. Since most Re-

form synagogues do not conduct daily services, the practice began of commemorating on Shabbat (when Kaddish can be said with the congregation) the *yahrzeits* of all whose actual *yahrzeit* date falls during the coming week. In Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist synagogues, both men and women say Kaddish. In Reform synagogues, everyone rises for the Kaddish together instead of only those in mourning or observing *yahrzeit*. This is done in memory of those who were killed in the Holocaust and have only us, the survivors, to remember them. At CSZ, we extend this collective memorial to include our lesbian and gay sisters and brothers throughout the ages.

At Sha'ar Zahav, we recognize that many of the people most important in our lives have been outside our immediate, biological family. It is for this reason that many of us observe *yahrzeit* for our grandparents, close friends and relatives. As we continue to build and define our families, it is important that we recognize and honor the memory of those we have loved. However, we need not observe *yahrzeit* for all of our extended family members. The primary responsibility for observing our grandparents' *yahrzeits*, for example, belongs to our parents. For those of us for whom our grandparents were an important presence, observing the *yahrzeit* is appropriate. It is generally not appropriate to observe *yahrzeit* for someone we did not know or was not a significant figure in one's life nor need our children observe the *yahrzeits* we observe for relatives they may have not known. Judaism does not encourage veneration of past generations; when we die, the remembrance of the loved ones continues in the love and inspiration we provide for those who will remember us.

There are four key parts to the observance of *yahrzeit* today: 1) participation in the recital of Kaddish on the date of the *yahrzeit* or on the preceding Shabbat; 2) lighting a *yahrzeit* candle on the *yahrzeit* day, and, if possible, visiting the grave or other memorial; 3) giving *tzedakah*, thereby transforming our personal loss into an act of communal good—your choice of *tzedakah* should reflect the values of the person you remember; 4) personal acts or *mitzvot*

which are inspired by the life of your loved one so that the inspiration of her or his memory truly becomes a source of blessing.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Remember

to keep us up to date.

If you've moved,
changed your name,
have a new phone number,
or wish to add a listing
to our *yahrzeit*
or anniversary records,
please call or write
the synagogue office.

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Members of the Congregation receive the *Forward*. For a donation of \$12/year, non-members will receive the *Forward*.

All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the synagogue office, marked to the attention of the *Forward*. All material is subject to editing; material will not be returned.

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Food for the Homeless

On Saturday, January 27, members of the congregation and friends, participated in preparing 135 dinners for the homeless. Our efforts were part of the Mayor's Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness—The Interfaith Shelter Program. Coordinated by Sharyn Saslafsky and Claudia Bernard, almost 20 people baked cookies, shopped for groceries, prepared salads and made sandwiches.

Each dinner included a nutritious sandwich, homemade cookies, a container of milk and a piece of fruit. The cookie makers who donated their delicious results included Bill Brockett, Sonia, Sonja and Sue Douglas, and Lolma Olson.

By preparing a healthy and vitamin-rich sandwich spread of tuna and egg salad, we were able to keep the per-dinner cost lower than has been the experience of other participating groups. David Shaber donated his home for the tuna/egg preparation and greeted Sue Douglas, Margaret Rosoff, Ellen Gierson, Claudia Bernard and

Paul Cohen with hot beverages and sweet rolls.

Sharyn organized a great crew of sandwich makers who worked quickly to prepare and package the dinners. Her helpers were Lisa Katz, Ron Lezell, Alison Cohen, Jonathan Mesinger, David Pierce, Patrick Mourjan, Jeff Rubin, Mauri Schwartz and Yuhum Digdigan.

Our total costs were under \$160. One of the congregation's most successful solicitors, Bernard Pechter, agreed to raise funds to support the cost of our preparing dinners for the homeless in January and as needed again this winter.

We are going to be making dinner again on Saturday, March 17 and volunteers are needed. A number of kadimah parents are interested in their children baking cookies as a class project and learning how to fulfill the mitzvah of helping those less fortunate.

If you are able to help, please call Sharyn Saslafsky at 564-6127 or Paul Cohen at 383-8954.

Open Hand "KP" Project

In December, many of our members discovered how much fun it is to help out in the kitchen at Project Open Hand, as well as providing a much-needed mitzvah. There was so much enthusiasm that we are organizing a regular CSZ volunteer "kitchen shift" (cooking, baking, etc.—*not* delivering). We need volunteers who will be available for an occasional four hours.

Shirley Liberman is coordinating a roster of volunteers, so if you'd like to

help (and have fun working with a master chef and baker) please call Shirley at 863-7500, ext. 123, and tell her:

- Do you prefer evening or weekend?
- Which day or evening?
- How often will you commit to help?
- Name and phone number.

Depending upon the number of volunteer hours, we'll work out a regular roster either weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or once every five years!

Mitzvah, Anyone?

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is in need of an additional memorial board in our sanctuary. The purpose of this article is to offer you the opportunity of donating the new board.

Our first two memorial boards were designed, purchased and installed over three years ago. From the beginning, members have been entitled to memorialize loved ones on plaques on one of the boards for a donation to the synagogue of \$360 per plaque. Many members have taken advantage of this opportunity to create a permanent, loving tribute. Also, as a privilege of membership, each member who dies is memorialized with a plaque on one of the boards. Sadly, we have seen many deaths, and so the two boards will soon be full.

Customarily from time to time most synagogues, including Sha'ar Zahav, offer members the opportunity to donate a memorial board or to dedicate some other fixture. This is such a time. Some years ago the Va'ad established the level of donation for a memorial board at \$4,500.

If you are interested in donating the new board, please contact President Eric Keitel at 334-7635, before March 31. (If more than one member offers to donate the board, the donor will be selected by random drawing.) Thank you for considering this important mitzvah!

—Eric Keitel, President

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tion." Those wishing to be listed can do so with a donation of \$18 ("chai"). For our business friends, there will be a section for paid display advertising (1/6th, 1/3rd, 2/3rds and full page; for more information about ads, contact Don Albert).

Note: All donations must be received by April 27 in order to meet printing deadlines. Gifts received after that date will be acknowledged in future editions of the *Forward*. Please mark your checks **Anniversary** when sending them to the office.

Come celebrate Sha'ar Zahav's past and help support our future. Plan to attend these events and consider your ability to be part of the Anniversary Fundraising Campaign. And ... look for your invitations in mid-May.

Have Shabbat Dinner

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February Va'ad Report

The February Va'ad meeting began with the customary call to order and check in. For the D'var Torah, Rabbi Kahn spoke of Abraham Joshua Heschel's radical amazement and sense of the miraculous in light of current political events in Eastern Europe. He reminded us that there is a universal significance to freedom, and that the oppression of other people is a justice issue about which we should all care.

Rabbi Kahn also reported on the monthly spiritual gathering co-sponsored by the AIDS Health Project, Shanti, Hospice, MCC and other groups "to honor our losses and ourselves." In response to his request, the Va'ad voted to co-sponsor the program and contribute \$100 to help underwrite it. We also voted to contribute \$50 as dues toward the S.F. Inter-Religious Coalition on AIDS, which provides services such as a directory of HIV-sensitive counselors.

Ben Schalit offered several explanatory comments, answered various questions about the monthly financial statement, and notified the Va'ad about the value of the Gift Shop inventory. There was some discussion about whether to continue depositing funds with Empire of America as they have been taken over by regulators, and the issue was referred to the Finance Committee. Ben also reported on members who have not made any 1989-90 dues pledge and are thus no longer in good standing with the congregation.

Robin Leonard followed up last month's report on cookbook sales, and the Va'ad voted to donate \$3,000 (representing the sale of 1,000 cookbooks) to the AIDS Foundation Food Bank. Robin also reported on our efforts to collect on outstanding bills from The Love That Dares and Walt Whitman bookstores. Eric Keitel remarked that our cookbooks are in very few bookstores around the city, and we need to be more aggressive in placing them. We heard a report on Robin's research into our restricted funds; she will be working with the Bylaws and Finance committees to clarify the purpose and restrictions of funds where they are not explicitly defined.

There was some discussion about holding a Women's Dance, and the need to approach more women members of the congregation to assist in this as well as other events.

Jenny Helbraun reported that pew cushions would be installed later this week. She also led a discussion on folding chairs, of which we need about 25 more, given the number of often simultaneous activities now going on in the building. The Va'ad looked at ways to minimize costs while providing comfortable seating for classes, meetings and other events.

Mike Rankin, our UAHC representative, reported that Rabbi Schindler will be speaking in the Bay Area on March 6-7. He informed the Va'ad that a major theme at the February 1991 Regional Biennial will be "God, Prayer and Jewish Spirituality," with a major component focusing on women's spirituality.

Eric Keitel led a discussion of the February 3 Mini-Advance, which explored the issue of High Holy Day religious service locations. Va'ad members felt it had been very productive and non-Va'ad members appreciated having a way to contribute and feeling involved in major decisions. The consensus was to make it an annual event. Evaluation forms returned after the event will be reviewed to help determine strategy for the 1990 High Holy Days.

Robin Leonard and Scott Mezistrano presented their site and cost analysis for the 12th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. Costs need to be kept reasonable, which is difficult in San Francisco, and the choice seems to be between accommodations on the USF campus or at the Golden Gate Holiday Inn. Several Va'ad members expressed concerns about using USF given the Catholic Church's position on homosexuality, reproductive rights, AIDS, and other issues, but acknowledged the need to keep costs as low as possible. Robin and Eric will be back East the weekend of February 17 for a leadership conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, and will check with participants about whether this will be an issue for European and other participants.

Shirley Liberman led a discussion about our second night Passover seder at Lehr's Greenhouse—specifically the costs and logistics of seating all members, guests and the public. The Va'ad voted on the cost of tickets for 1990 and agreed on a reservation/seating assign-

ment system.

There was considerable discussion of the Yahrzeit list read each year at the Yizkor service, and the Va'ad decided to put this issue on the agenda of the annual meeting. The Va'ad also explored the pros and cons of printing High Holy Day prayerbooks for sale to other sibling congregations, with a consensus that more information is needed on the time needed to do this task, costs, how much we should charge, how many we will actually sell, etc. This will be re-presented to the Va'ad after some of this information has been gathered.

Merry Luskin, chair of the Membership Committee, presented four new individuals and one family, unanimously voted in. Following a closed session on personnel issues, the meeting was adjourned just past 10 pm, with an abbreviated but heartfelt rendition of Oseh Shalom.

—Gail Friedlander



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Healing Service at Beth Sholom

Shabbat afternoon on January 27 was a special time for some 80 men and women who attended the first intercongregational healing service for people with AIDS/HIV+ status and their friends. Co-sponsored by Congregations Beth Sholom, Sherith Israel, Emanuel and Sha'ar Zahav, the afternoon's service and havdallah were led by Rabbi Kahn, Kirschner, Meyer and Graubart. Cantor Koransky chanted and also sang two beautiful arias.

We were warmly greeted by Rabbi Graubart who gave appropriate praise to his wife, who as a member of the staff of Jewish Family and Children's Services was instrumental in creating this new program. He acknowledged the importance of his congregation, Beth Sholom, continuing to do outreach and to provide support for people with AIDS. His congregation, in conjunction with Sherith Israel, is the sponsor of the bi-monthly "chicken soupers" program which, for the past year, has been providing nutritious kosher food to those in need.

After services, we all were guests at a delicious pareve supper which included humus, gefilte fish, eggplant salad, cucumber salad, herring, egg and tuna salad. Dinner was concluded with an inspiring havdallah service during which we stood together in a large circle in the darkened Friedman Center and shared the light of the havdallah candle, the sweetness of the wine and the perfume of the spice box.

We left the synagogue and went into the dark night with our individual warm thoughts of caring people who really were sharing their strength with us.

—Paul Cohen

Condolences

To Neil Hart on the loss of his friend, Tim Elliott.

To Mike Zimmerman on the loss of his friend, Leland Moss.

To Elliot Gordon on the loss of his friend, Bonnie Smiles.

To Eli Weinstein on the loss of his friend, Karli Bernstein.

To the congregation on the loss of its member, George Ash.

AIDS Quilt Covers Israel

As announced in the December *Forward*, the Friends of the Israel Tour, under the auspices of the Names Project, plan to bring sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Israel as part of a one-month AIDS awareness month.

The Israeli AIDS Task Force (the grassroots organization based in Tel Aviv responsible for most AIDS education and services throughout Israel) states that the need for AIDS education and awareness in that country is paramount to keep down the numbers of those infected with HIV. There have been approximately 90 diagnosed cases with 55 deaths, and there are an estimated 3,000–4,000 HIV carriers.

Menachem Leibowitch, who will serve as one of the coordinators of an Israeli chapter of the Names Project states it clearly, "In Israel, AIDS is under the covers. We must take it out from under the covers ... with a big boom!" Leibowitch, director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism's Education and Cultural Center in Jerusalem, has a clear understanding of the dynamics of Israeli life. His personal concern regarding AIDS stems from hearing stories from his sister-in-law who has received harassment from colleagues (ignorant health professionals) for serving as a nurse to people with AIDS.

In addition to Leibowitch, several Israelis have enlisted. These include Dr. Zvi Bentwich, head of Clinical Immunology at the Weizman Institute, and representatives from the Israeli AIDS Task Force, Society for Protection of Personal Rights, and the Ministries of Health and Education. Nancy Katz, director of education and outreach for the Names Project Foundation, met with this core group in Israel during last Chanukah.

The core group is committed to making the quilt accessible to the diverse Israeli population. This includes Arabs as well as Jews, religious and non-religious, and those who live in villages and kibbutzim as well as cities. It is intended that the display occur to coincide with World AIDS Day, December 1, 1990. This time frame will enable the Health and Education Ministries to bring the necessary education throughout the Israeli public school system prior to the Quilt's display.

Support for this project has already

been demonstrated by the Israeli Consulate for the Pacific Northwest Region, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, journalists for Jewish publications both in this country and in Israel, as well as several individuals and synagogues. Our Va'ad demonstrated its strong support by contributing \$1,000 from the congregation's AIDS Fund.

It is unusual for a domestic group to take on responsibilities for an international display of the quilt. But it is clear that without external support, the quilt would never find its way to Israel, whose complex politics leave AIDS awareness at the bottom of priorities, allowing chances for HIV infection and AIDS discrimination to grow.

As reported in the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin* of February 9, 1990, there has been a steady decline in public awareness [in Israel] and this "... is reflected by a sharp drop in the number of people who go for voluntary free blood tests."

Information regarding the Names Project in general and the Israel Tour in particular can be obtained by contacting Nancy Katz: (415) 863-5511 or (707) 546-2140.

The quilt and its message resonate strongly with many Jewish values. You can help to prove this true by making a tax-deductible contribution (payable to Names Project—Israel Tour), sent to 1642 Irving St., San Francisco, 94122. All funds raised above the actual touring costs will be directed to AIDS-related activities in Israel.

—Ron Lezell

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The UAHC and AIDS: An Update

For some unknown reason, I have kept newspapers from the days of the civil rights struggles in the South. Among these was a headline reporting the 1956 bombing of the Temple in Atlanta. Rabbi Rothchild was a forceful spokesperson for the rights of blacks in those days, and the Klan retaliated by bombing his synagogue. I thought of that terrible event when I met the current assistant rabbi of the Temple, Sue Ann Wasserman, at an AIDS conference last November. Rabbi Wasserman is carrying on the social action tradition at the Temple, serving as a one-person AIDS maven, teaching her colleagues and the lay leadership what needs to be done, inspiring them to reach out, as she does, to all who are ill. Rabbi Rothchild died a few years ago, but he would have been proud of her. Rabbi Marder and I have invited her to join the UAHC AIDS Committee, which we co-chair, with Rabbi Sanford Seltzer of Boston.

Since Janet and Sandy and I took over from Bo O'Mansky and Rabbi Sternberger last fall, we've been encouraging

the UAHC Regions to do all they can in their own areas. The results have been somewhat gratifying. The Chicago Region now has an excellent curriculum for teaching about AIDS in the religious schools, beginning in first grade. Rabbi Joseph Edelheit, who chaired the group that wrote it, will present it to the full committee when we meet in Los Angeles in March for other regions to adopt it if they choose. Rabbi Edelheit will also report on his recent meeting with AIDS support groups in Israel. We want to help them all we can—perhaps through the UAHC's Israel Religious Action Center.

Rabbi Edelheit is one of 11 rabbis on the committee and many rabbis around the country are involved in AIDS work. But until now, the Central Conference of American Rabbis has not had a committee of its own. They soon will. It will either be an independent entity, or be a joint CCAR-UAHC committee, co-chaired by representatives of both. I plan to speak at a CCAR workshop on AIDS in June in Seattle.

Thanks to a generous "angel," we've been able to photograph the panel we made for the AIDS quilt, and from that photograph create a beautiful poster. Copies of the poster will be sent to every Reform congregation in the United States, Canada, and Israel. We hope those who see it will be moved to join in the struggle against this terrible epidemic.

In the Midwest Region (Denver to Indianapolis) a new AIDS committee is forming. The committee chair will be with us in Los Angeles, and I'll speak and lead an AIDS workshop at their convention in Indianapolis in November.

Meanwhile, in the Pacific Southwest Region (Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, Tucson, Phoenix, and Albuquerque-Santa Fe), and in New England, existing AIDS committees are doing splendid work.

In the Southwest, Southeast, and Canadian Regions, and in our own Northern California Region, nothing much is happening. In the case of the first three, the problem seems to be geography. The regions cover large areas, and will need creative programming. Rabbi Marder has been in touch with the UAHC regional staffs, and we're thinking about an all-Texas (plus Little Rock) workshop; bringing Vancouver into partnership with Seattle; and Toronto with Chicago, etc.

Here at home, after a year of trying to revive a moribund committee, I've come to the reluctant conclusion that the problem is indifference, which is a lot tougher to tackle than geography.

Four San Francisco congregations—Emanuel, Sherith Israel, Beth Sholom, and CSZ—have their own AIDS outreach and programming. But the committee could be of great help to the suburban congregations, not to mention Seattle, Portland, and Honolulu. These cities, which have a number of people with AIDS, are served by the UAHC office in San Francisco also.

Rabbis Marder and Seltzer and I will keep plugging away until we make something happen here. We are talking, after all, about life and death. And as our tradition teaches, the saving of one life is equivalent to saving the whole world.

—Mike Rankin

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The UAHC on Gay and Lesbian Jews

The following resolution was written by a member of our congregation, submitted through the President's Message Committee, and then overwhelmingly adopted by the General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, November 2-6, 1989, in New Orleans.

In North America today, it is estimated that 100,000 Reform Jews—and 500,000 members of the larger Jews community—are gay or lesbian.

Over the last 15 years, the UAHC has admitted to membership four synagogues with an outreach to gay and lesbian Jews. Hundreds of men and women who once felt themselves alienated from Judaism and unwelcomed in mainstream congregations have joined these synagogues, adding their strength and commitment to our religious community.

In 1977, the UAHC General Assembly called for an end to discrimination against homosexuals, and expanded upon this in 1987 by calling for the full inclusion of gay and lesbian Jews in all aspects of synagogue life.

While that resolution urged that congregations not discriminate in employment, it did not address rabbinic employment, pending the report of the CCAR *ad hoc* Committee on Homosexuality and the Rabbinat. The CCAR committee continues its work, and we eagerly await its report.

Marin Jewish Women's Conference

Actor and therapist Naomi Newman will perform songs and scenes from her one-woman show "Snaketalk: Urgent Messages from the Mother" at *Facing Our Myths and Ourselves*, a day-long conference for Jewish women scheduled for Sunday, March 18, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, held at Olney Hall, College of Marin.

Workshops in a variety of areas including money, sex, spirituality and Jewish education will be led by authorities in the field. Admission is \$35 general, \$20 seniors and students (including a catered lunch); or \$30 general, \$14 seniors and students (without the lunch). For information and reservations, contact Nina Gordon at the Marin JCC at (415) 479-2000.

Within the larger context of UAHC congregational life, however, we have yet to shed the destructive anti-gay and anti-lesbian prejudices and stereotypes that preclude a genuine embrace of the heart.

Our union of congregations must be a place where loneliness and suffering and exile end, where gay and lesbian Jews can know that they are accepted on terms of visibility, not invisibility; that we place no limits on their communal or spiritual aspirations.

THEREFORE, the Union of Hebrew American Congregations resolves to:

1. Reaffirm its 1987 resolution and call upon all departments of the UAHC and our member congregations to fully implement its provisions.

2. Embark upon a movement-wide program of heightened awareness and education to achieve the fuller acceptance of gay and lesbian Jews in our midst.

3. Urge our member congregations to welcome gay and lesbian Jews to membership, as singles, couples, and families.

4. Commend the CCAR for its sensitive and thorough efforts to raise the consciousness of the rabbinat regarding homosexuality. We urge the CCAR to pursue its own mandate with vigor and complete its tasks as soon as possible in order to respond to the communal and spiritual aspirations of gay and lesbian Jews.

Naches

Congratulations to **Grace Laurencin** on the completion of her medical residency.

Congratulations to **Yael Siverberg Willis** on her graduation from nursing school at USF in December.

Congratulations to **Sharyn Saslafsky** on her certificate of recognition from the City and County of San Francisco for her meritorious civic service in public transportation.

Editor's Note:

We want to know about and publish your naches. Please call the office with the information or Howard at 821-0332, so everybody can share the happy news.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in February. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Michael Bronn

Bryan Freedman and Ron Gregoire

Jason Gaber

David Masarsky

Barry Singer

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

Purim Festivities

March 10 at CSZ

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• 8:30 •

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CSZ's oneg after services Friday night,
January 12, at the Jewish Home for the
Aged. Above: Leslie Bergson, Lane
Schickler and Sen Talley chat with
unidentified home resident. Right: Paul
Cohen doles out small plastic cups of the
usual oneg beverages—wine and/or juice.
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World Congress News

Friends of the World Congress

The World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews was established to coordinate and promote educational and developmental programs for gay and lesbian Jews throughout the world. Today 24 organizations belong to the World Congress and another 14 groups are affiliated. Member organizations pay dues; however, these payments do not cover World Congress expenses. Thus, its board created Friends of the World Congress to allow individuals to support the World Congress for \$18, chai.

I urge you to become a Friend of the World Congress. While we at CSZ have created a vibrant and growing community, many—as near as Sacramento and as far away as Poland—are less fortunate. Their organizations have folded or they are so isolated they can't form an organization. But they can turn to the World Congress for support, guidance and the knowledge that they belong to the world community of gay and lesbian Jews.

If you'd like to become a Friend of the World Congress, please send an \$18 check made out to the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (WCGLJO) to me at 346 Euclid Ave., San Francisco 94118. I will forward all CSZ checks to them.

1990 Western Regional Conference

This year's Western Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be the weekend of August 10-12 in Seattle, hosted by our sibling congregation *Tikvah Chadashah*. Regional conferences provide an excellent opportunity for Sha'ar Zahavniks to spend a weekend with other gay and lesbian Jews without having to travel across or out of the country. *Tikvah Chadashah* can provide home hospitality for out-of-town attendees. (The alternative is a hotel.) Although they don't yet know the registration cost, which they hope to keep low, they'd like to get a sense of how many people will attend. If you think you might go or want more information, please call me at 386-7876 ASAP so I can get back to them.

1991 International Conference

Sha'ar Zahav is hosting the 12th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, to be held Memorial Day weekend 1991. Scott Mezistrano and I are the co-chairs and we expect 350-400 people to

attend. If you'd like to serve on the conference committee, or have any conference-related suggestions, please let Scott or me know.

World Congress Digest

Members of Sha'ar Zahav should have received a copy of the World Congress Digest, a two-page newsletter, with your February (last month's) *Forward*. If you didn't, give me a call and I'll send you a copy.

—Robin Leonard, *World Congress Rep*

Al Baum Honored

Jewish Family and Children's Services is celebrating 140 years of service to the community at an Anniversary Gala taking place on Sunday, April 1 and honoring leaders and pioneers who continue the tradition of caring: Adele Corvin, Alvin H. Baum, Jr. (a CSZ member), Helene Cohen, Robert Guggenheim and agency founder, August Helbing. The festivities begin at 6 pm at the Hotel Nikko in San Francisco with cocktails, followed by dinner, dancing, and a special honoree slide presentation highlighting the lives of the honorees and the agency's colorful history from the Gold Rush Era. Individual tickets start at \$125. For more information, please call 561-1237.

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Israel Education Series

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will present an education series on Israel using a speaker/discussion format. The following is an outline of the program with details to follow in the April *Forward*.

Friday, March 30 (following services)
—**Challenges as Israel Enters the 1990s**, presented by David Bernstein, UAHC National Shaliach (Emissary).

The remaining programs will be on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm, in the library:

April 18—**Prospects for Peace**.

April 25—**Planning Your Trip to Israel**.

May 2—**"Glasnost" in Israel—Implications of Changes in Eastern Europe**.

May 9—**Life for the Gay and Lesbian Israeli**.

Oops! High Holiday Thank-You Corrections

The High Holiday coordinating roles of Scott Mezistrano and Steve Greenberg were, unfortunately, deleted from a *Forward* article during the editing process of the thank-you article.

Though officially titled "Ritual Coordinator," Steve coordinated all aspects of the holidays. Scott, who was officially Steve's assistant, took primary responsibility for so many tasks that his function went way beyond that of assistant, coordinating items related to ritual. Each was a delight to work with. Both deserve sincere apologies for not getting the deserved recognition the first time around.

—Claudia Bernard

Chassidic/Zen

The Spirituality Chavurah of CSZ will be sponsoring a talk on "Chassidic Tales and Zen Koans." The speaker, Robert Lytle from the Zen Center of San Francisco, chose this topic particularly because, during his study, he was inspired and helped by the reading of Chassidic tales, especially those of the Baal Shem Tov.

This event will take place Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 in the sanctuary. All members of the Sha'ar Zahav community are invited to attend.

Yahrzeits

- 1 Marjorie Helbraun, aunt of Jenny Helbraun
- 1 Samuel Feldman, uncle of Neil Hart
- 2 (Adar II 5) Anna Shure Simon, mother of Katherine Simon
- 2 Fannie Leiss, mother of Walt Leiss
- 3 (Adar 6) Max Raim, father of Leila Raim
- 5 Hilda L. Meyer, mother of Eve Meyer
- 6 Pearl Lewin, grandmother of Richard Inlander
- 6 Doris Rosenfeld, mother of Peter Rosenfeld
- 7 Bennett Hornstein, brother of Francie Hornstein
- 8 Isidore Shapiro, father of Marilyn Braiger
- 9 Arthur Bellm, grandfather of Dan Bellm
- 11 Susan Palmer, sister of Walter Palmer
- 12 Tom Glynn, friend of Mike Rankin
- 13 (Adar 16) Mollie Podgur, mother of Hal Podgur
- 14 (Adar 17) Helen Pechter, mother of Bernard Pechter
- 14 (Adar 17) Sam Schwartz, father of Paul Schwartz
- 14 Betsy Sutzman, great-grandmother of Jay Davidson
- 15 (Adar II 18) Joseph M. Cohen, father of Paul Cohen
- 15 (Adar 18) Antol Szekely, grandfather of Marilyn Kalman
- 15 Axel Schoenberg, grandfather of Johanna Johnson
- 16 Ariel Thal, father of Sam Thal
- 16 Ted Mendonca, lover of Richard Inlander and member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 17 Mollie Golding, aunt of Neil Hart
- 18 Tillie Gelmis, grandmother of Susan Gelmis
- 18 Joseph Hornstein, father of Francie Hornstein
- 20 Minnie Tonn, grandmother of Allan Gold
- 21 Alan Vinicoff, father of Dana Vinicoff
- 21 (Adar 24) Barbara Frank, sister of Phil Charney
- 22 Anne Smith, grandmother of Kate Sharp
- 22 Sylvia Vogel, mother of Lee

- Vogel
- 23 (Adar 26) Jennie Kriwitzky, grandmother of Rochelle Wald
- 25 Nathan Hart, grandfather of Neil Hart
- 26 Natalie Cohen, grandmother of Jeffrey Cohen
- 27 James Robert Rankin, father of Mike Rankin and Sylvia Webb
- 28 Minnie Prengler, aunt of Ann Biderman
- 30 Rebecca Dunn, grandmother of Eileen Dunn
- 30 Tillie Walter Markow, grandmother of Shelley Samuels
- 31 (Nisan 5) Meyer Solove, grandfather of Ora Prochovnick

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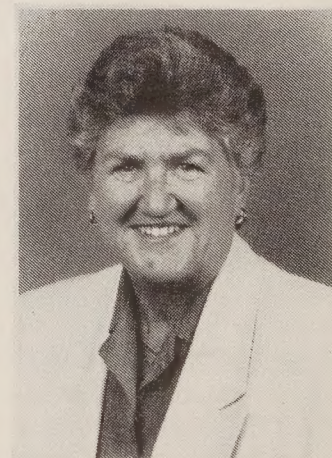
Birthdays

- 2 Donald Gordon
- 3 Reuben Nahouraii
- 3 Joshua Michael Cohen
- 4 Brett Trueman
- 5 Edward Pollock
- 6 Adrienne Forshay
- 7 Allen Harris
- 8 Ann F. Biderman
- 8 Andrew Zimmerman
- 9 Perry R. Paker
- 9 Jim Dobkins
- 9 Laurie Davis
- 10 Dana Vinicoff
- 12 Deborah Rochelle Tirschwell
- 13 Ari Chaim Adler
- 15 Russell Kassman
- 17 Roger Gross
- 21 Mike Abramson
- 21 Jeffrey Shuman
- 21 Laurence J. Cohen
- 22 Shawn Ritter
- 23 Blanche Blachman
- 24 Jay Ladin
- 25 Lynn Bravewomon
- 27 Rebecca Ann
- 28 Francie Hornstein
- 29 Robert B. Gutterman
- 29 Harold Parker
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Film Review

Loving Enemies

"Enemies—A Love Story," the film version of Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel of Holocaust survivors, love, lust and infidelity, is a passionate yet refreshing representation of Jewish life. The film covers many bases (mixed marriages and conversion issues, adjusting to life in a new culture, overcoming the horror of the Holocaust, and hiding one's true nature), so many that the movie was rich with insights into the condition of being a Jew.

Beside the inherent humor in the story of a Jewish man with two wives and a mistress, the most striking aspect of "Enemies" is the positive image of Jewish women. Portrayed as savvy, intelligent, sexy and worldly, the women are the driving force of the film. Herman is a concentration camp survivor living a life that is becoming progressively unraveled. Married, out of gratitude, to the woman who hid him in her barn during the invasion, he becomes involved with Masha, hot-blooded, brilliant, philosophical and suicidal. Herman copes

with these two relationships fairly well, only occasionally forgetting where he has committed to spend the night. Part of his problem is that Masha does not know he is married, and doesn't understand why he refuses to marry her. He finally capitulates, and now has two wives. When his supposed dead wife from Germany reappears, it is the straw that breaks the camel's back.

Swearing off Masha, Herman resolves to live a quiet, religious life with his now pregnant wife. He tries, but he just can't keep up the pretense. The hilarity becomes serious drama as deep feelings are revealed and played out; everyone is getting hurt.

The underlying theme here is the disparity between the inner world of the "survivor" and the "established" New York Jewish community. Herman writes sermons for a wealthy rabbi, but he never quite fits in. Haunted by memories of the torture, this man wanders, knowing no peace. He loves all three women; he's connected spiritually in a unique way to each, but he is unable to commit himself or to hurt anyone. In the end, the women survive without him. I will not divulge the ending here, but for a fun and compassionate view of Jewish life in the late '40s, it's worth the price of admission.

—Joan Gelfand

Hebrew Class

A class in modern conversational Hebrew will begin at Sha'ar Zahav on Tuesday, March 6 at 8 pm. The class will run weekly at that time until mid-June and resume in mid-August for an indefinite period.

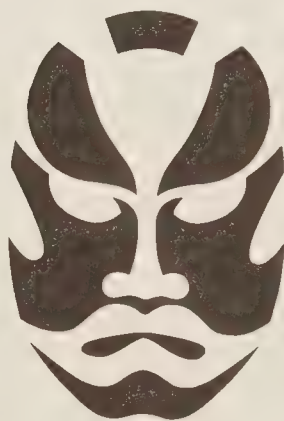
The class will be open to both beginners and more advanced Hebrew speakers. There will be some emphasis on reading and writing, if requested, but the main focus will be on speaking and understanding the liturgy.

The class will be taught by Oren Schlossberg, a native of Tel Aviv, and currently a Hebrew school teacher in Marin. Cost is \$5 per person per class, but no charge for PWAs and people with other life-threatening illnesses. Child-care is not available, but children are welcome to sit in on the class. Call David at 861-1362 for more info.

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Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

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- 26 Sharyn Saslafsky and Allan Gold, in memory of Cheryl Orvis

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Anniversaries

- 1 Eileen Linda Lynette & Charlene O'Neil
- 14 Diana Buchbinder & Joyce Garay
- 14 Marvin Steele & Rudolf Bean
- 20 Maggie Rochlin & Sandy Meyers
- 20 Randy Mayers & Caroline Isaacs
- 24 Martin Spector & Rodger Morales

Sibling Notes

Aguda (Israel)—is evolving into an umbrella organization for six different organizations and programs. The most active is Otzma, the Agudah's political arm. Otzma held a public forum with members of the Knesset, including representatives of the Labour and Likud parties. Otzma also hosted Israel's first Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. In addition to Otzma, the Agudah assists HOD, a gay religious group which holds orthodox minyans; Hagana, a center for reporting and acting on incidents of anti-gay discrimination and harassment; the White Line counseling service; the Haifa Social Group and the Lecture Group.

Beth Ahavah (Philadelphia)—will host Congregation Beth Simchat Torah (New York) on March 25 when CBST members visit Philadelphia and the Jewish Historical Museum.

Beth Simchat Torah (New York)—welcomed its 1,000th member last December and celebrated its 17th anniversary last February. In addition, Jewish lesbian writer Sarah Shulman read from her recently published *People in Trouble* during a January oneg Shabbat.

Bet Mishpachah (Washington, DC)—has begun a series of discussions following Shabbat evening services to discuss the possibility of hiring a rabbi.

Beyt G'Vurah (Minneapolis)—is sponsoring, together with Jewish Family and Children's Services and the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council, a seven-week discussion and support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews.

Havurah Achayot (Chicago)—has begun holding regular monthly Shabbat services in the small chapel of a local congregation. Following their February service, they discussed anti-semitism in the lesbian movement.

Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group (London)—held 11 events in the month of February, including a games night, a visit to a museum, a Tu B'shevat morning service, a theater outing, a bowling excursion and Shabbat evening services.

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

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Office Notes

Our thanks to Lou Greene, who prints our newsletter, for providing ours and Rabbi Kahn's offices with attractive nameplates!

The office has been undergoing a transition with staff and hours. Watch the Friday night blue announcement sheet for current hours; they will be listed on the door to the library as well. We appreciate your patience.

MARCH

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1 Thursday 4 Adar

- 7:30pm, Children's Education meeting in East Bay

2 Friday 5 Adar

- 7:30-8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Terumah, Leslie Bergson and Tiela Chalmers

3 Saturday 6 Adar

- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 4pm, Healing Service

4 Sunday 7 Adar

- 9:30am, ARZA Council meeting

5 Monday 8 Adar

6 Tuesday 9 Adar

- Rabbi Schindler in San Francisco
- 7:30pm, Drop-in Hebrew class
- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism I, Rabbi Dorfman

7 Wednesday 10 Adar

- Rabbi Schindler in San Francisco
- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism II, (Phyllis)

8 Thursday 11 Adar

- 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning Meeting

9 Friday 12 Adar

- 7:30-8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Tetzaveh, Nancy-Carol Adler, Daniel Chesir and Rabbi Kahn, Hadracha (AJE) at Services

10 Saturday 13 Adar

- 10:30am, Morning Services
- 7:30pm, Purim service and Megillah reading, Leslie Bergson, Daniel Chesir, and Rabbi Kahn
- 8:30pm, Masquerade party

11 Sunday 14 Adar Purim

12 Monday 15 Adar

- 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting
- 7:30-10pm, Gift shop open

13 Tuesday 16 Adar

- 7:30pm, Drop-in Hebrew class
- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism I, Rabbi Dorfman

14 Wednesday 17 Adar

- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism II, (Phyllis)
- 7:30pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro St.

15 Thursday 18 Adar

- 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim

16 Friday 19 Adar

- 7:30-8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Ki Tisa, Jonathan Funk

17 Saturday 20 Adar

- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 2pm, Sandwiches for the homeless

18 Sunday 21 Adar

19 Monday 22 Adar

20 Tuesday 23 Adar

- 7:30pm, Drop-in Hebrew class
- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism I, Rabbi Dorfman
- 7:30pm, A Celebration of Lives, MCC program
- 7:30pm, Newsletter proofing, 1711 Castro St.

21 Wednesday 24 Adar

- Spring Begins
- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism II, (Phyllis)

22 Thursday 25 Adar

23 Friday 26 Adar

- Camp Swig CSZ weekend
- 6:30pm, Visit, services, at Jewish Home for the Aged
- 7:30-8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Vayakhel/Pekude, Torah Service, Ritual Committee

24 Saturday 27 Adar

- ARZA Leadership Training
- Camp Swig CSZ Weekend
- 9:30am, Kadimah

25 Sunday 28 Adar

- UAHC AIDS Commission Training in Los Angeles
- ARZA Leadership Training
- Camp Swig CSZ Weekend
- 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco

26 Monday 29 Adar

- UAHC AIDS Commission Training in Los Angeles
- 7-10pm, Gift shop open

27 Tuesday 1 Nisan

- 7:30pm, Drop-in Hebrew class
- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism I, Rabbi Dorfman

28 Wednesday 2 Nisan

- 7:30pm, Introduction to Judaism II, (Phyllis)

29 Thursday 3 Nisan

- 6:30pm, Ritual Committee
- 7:30pm, Social Action Committee

30 Friday 4 Nisan

- David Berenstein, UAHC Shaliach, after services
- 7:30-8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Vayikra, Rabbi Kahn and Dana Vinicoff

31 Saturday 5 Nisan

- 9:30am, Kadimah, Family Learning Day
- 10:30am, Morning Services, Vayikra, Rabbi Kahn and Bill Schlichter

6 Friday, April 6 11 Nisan

- 8:15pm, Services, Tzav, Shabbat HaGadol, Sanctuary Service, Rabbi Kahn and Ritual Committee

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I wish to donate \$_____ toward seder subsidies. My check is enclosed.

All seats will be reserved and seats pre-assigned to numbered tables. Tickets and seat assignments will be held at the door.

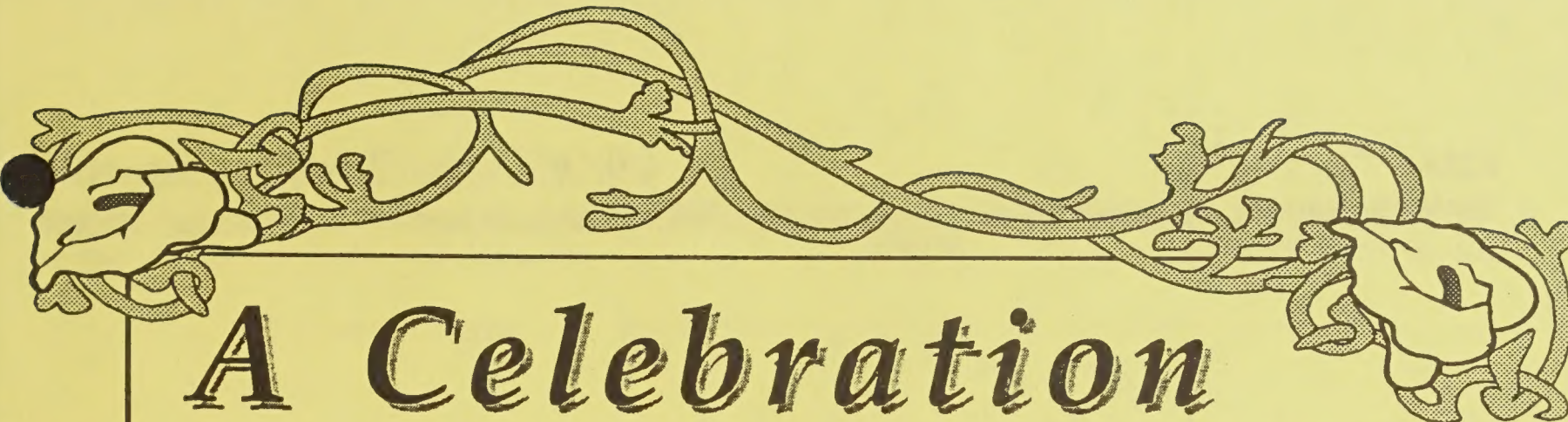
Please note we will start promptly at 6:30 pm.

Signing for the hearing impaired can be requested when reservation is made. Information will be available at the seder regarding the annual Pass-over Me'ot Chittim appeal, which collects funds to be distributed to various community organizations to help feed the hungry.

All reservations must be received by
Wednesday, March 28.

Don't be disappointed; reserve early.

Mail to: Congregational Seder
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
220 Danvers Street
San Francisco, CA 94114



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at

Metropolitan Community Church
150 Eureka Street (near 18th Street)

Tuesday, March 20, 1990
7:30 pm

No fee

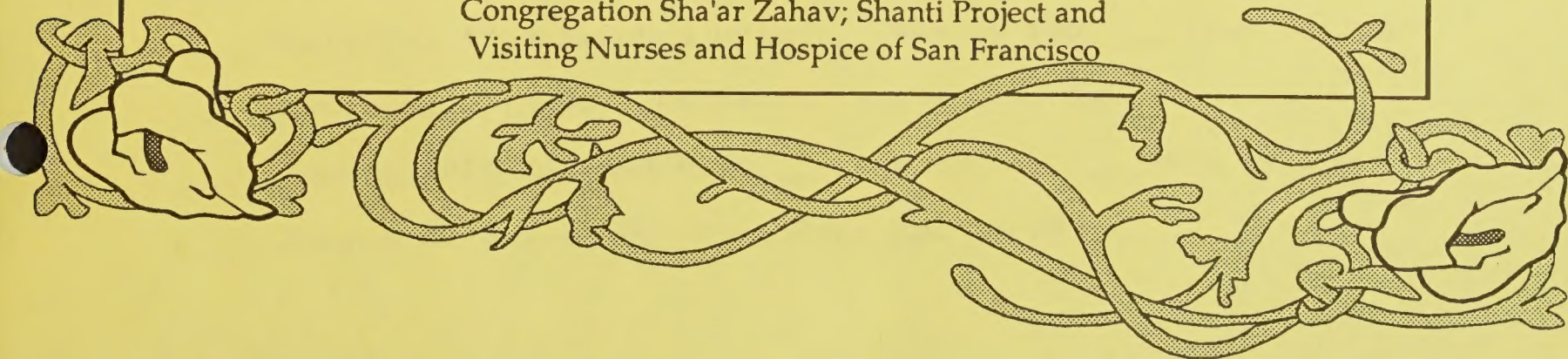
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For more information, call (415) 476-6430

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PERFORM A MITZVAH !

PROJECT OPEN HAND

This year Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in cooperation with Project Open Hand is seeking volunteers to cover the work stations in the kitchen and delivery routes, thereby allowing those who wish to observe Easter to take the day off.

We'll conclude these mitzvah opportunities with one of our very successful POTLUCK DINNERS at the Synagogue Oneg Room on Sunday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MITZVOT AND SUPPER!!!

-Please return this form to the Synagogue Office by MARCH 30, 1990.

Yes, I/we want to help!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____ Car?(Y/N) _____
You don't need a car to volunteer

Check one or more:

_____ Friday 4/13 Kitchen Help _____ 9am to 1pm _____ 10am to 2pm

_____ Friday 4/13 Meal Delivery from 4pm to 6pm

_____ Saturday 4/14 Kitchen Help _____ 9am to 1pm _____ 10am to 2pm

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